



Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit 1617

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated November 30, 2005, wherein the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following remarks.

- I. Remarks begin on page 2 of this response; and
- II. Conclusion begins on page 5 of this response.